

ABSTRACT

The invention is a system method for providing extended functionality for a HAVi compatible device. The HAVi compatible device is connectable to a HAVi network. The extended functionality is defined by control data stored on a remote server external to the HAVi network. The remote server is connected to an external network. The external network comprises a network external to the HAVi network. The HAVi network comprises several other HAVi compatible devices. The system comprises an external network connection device for providing data communications between the HAVi network and the remote server. The external network connection device is connectable to the external network. The external network connection device is for receiving the control data from the remote server. The system further includes a control module, comprising a device control module (DCM) containing a special functional control module (FCM). The control module is for providing the extended functionality for the HAVi compatible device based on the control data.